April 12th 1894

At Home. Dear Sister Edith.
The postman was just here and
delivered your kind letter and
as Ma is busy with her washing
she wanted me to answer it for
her. but I was thinking of writ-
eing you a letter today anyhow.
So now is my chance while I
am at home on my vacation and
nothing else to do.
Ma's health is about as usual and,
we all, are quite as of old.
Ma is verry much pleased with here
elegant birthday presents which
you sent her. The dress she is in
no hurry to have made up, but
is going to take your advice about
it and have a good dressmaker

2. do the work when she does have it made. I was sorry I could not give her something more than what I did for a birthday present. What do you think my present was? - well I'll tell you, I had forgotten it was her birthday until I got home Monday morning on my vacation. So the best I could do under the circumstances was to give Ma the pleasure of having my presence at home for a whole week, for a birthday present. Don't you think that a Long present? well I will try and do better than that yet. one wk. from tomorrow is payday at the Asylum and I will pay the rent and grocery bill which will be just as good as a birthday present. I have been helping Ma with the washing and washing dishes this morning. today is the first nice day we have had this week, all the rest has been rainy and cold, yesterday it snowed quite a bit

But melted fast as it fell. How
nice it will be when the weather
gets warm again. Yes Edith, I
passed all of my examinations in
them lectures all O.K. and dident
studdy very much either, my grades
were 96½. one hundred being perfect.
65 a failure
Now since I passed my examinations
will be entitled to annother raise
in salary which will be $28.00 Pr. Mon
after the board of trustees meet and
sign our papers which will be next
wednesday and then we will get a
Certificate of this examination report
and then our encrease commences, now I am
getting $27.00 so you see it wont be long
till I get a raise of $1.00 Pr. Mon. for a
little study and passing the examinations.
Next Tuesday evening is our commencement

exercises held in the chapple it will
consist of music and a few speeches
given by some of the Drs. the main
singer is a lady comming from Akron O.
I dont think their exercises will
be very much although I wish
you could be here to attend them.
Edith I am not going out of the
city on my vacation as the weather
is so disagreeable and muddy and
would be so hard getting around
over the country roads from place
to place; and it wouldent do for me
to go to Salem and not get out Fr-
anks for they would think hard of
it and every thing considered I decided
it best not to go. besides I dident
have money enough without drawing
part of my back pay and I dont
want to do that untill I quit for
good.. But I am enjoying mys-
elf very well at home, only wish
you could be here to enjoy a part

of my pleasures with me. I think we would have a good time. Tuesday evening Sadie and I went to a theatre at the Opera House. I forget the name of the play but it was the best I ever seen it was grand. This makes the 2nd theatre for me since I have worked at the Asylum.
Tonight Sadie, Mary, and myself are going out to spend the evening at Mr & Mrs Jones on St. Clair St.. they are friends of Lowreys and very well to do. I am to meet the girls at the store at 6 o'clock and are going right from their work so you see I will be right in it for supper to.
I seen Ava Hartsough and a gentleman

friend at the theatre Tuesday evening
he was a stranger to me and didnt
have a chance to speak.
Uncle L. C. H. is out of the city this
week on his Youngstown trip. wont
be home till Saturday. I
was at his office Tuesday and
seen Mc Ferran and Cousin Tom they
are all well over there Tom said
and wants me to come over
and see his boy while I am
on my vacation for I never seen
him yet. Uncl L. C. H. is doing a
much larger business now
than he ever did before. so
saith Thomas H.. One day
he said he sold 20 barrels of
oil and Tom is kep quite
busy in the wareroom besides
running on the St. Cars. and he
said he is going to quit one of the
two, for it is to much for him
working nights on the St. cars and

Bays in the ware room so he thinks he will quit railroad and just work for Uncle J.C. in the ware room. Edith in regards to the shirts you must not get me anymore at the present for I ~~now~~ have six white shirts with the two you sent me and all are good ones, for if I go on the fire department I will hafto ~~I~~ wear nothing but the regular firemans blue shirts while on duty, so I will have white shirts enough to last me for years and even the other old shirts I have got will be useless to me and some of them are good ones yet. So please dont spend any more of your money for me

untill I know what I am going to choose for a profession.
If you ever get a Carpet for the siting room it wants to be 4 yds. wide and 4 yds. 6 inches long.
Well as it is getting late in the afternoon I am going to be brief as possible. Ma said she expects the paper hangers here next week to paper the Kitchen & siting room.
Katie has got her Bicycle got it last week it is a very nice wheel a $125.00 wheel she said she got it for $55.00 but cant ride it much yet, but is learning and after some practice I think will have it so she can ride it soon.
It is time for the Postman and I must close & get ready for tonight. write soon and Love from all your Brother Archie